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SUBJECT: DATA REQUIREMENTS FOR A FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL
ANALYSIS OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES

REF: USNATO 3892; STATE 168099

1. DECISION SHEET OF AUGUST 20 MEETING OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP
ON DATA REQUIREMENTS FOR A FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF
DEFENSE EXPENDITURES (AC/281(DR)-DS(73)2, POUCHED), HAS ATTACHED
AS AN ANNEX A PAPER OUTLINING PROBLEM OF OBTAINING FINANCIAL
DATA ON A FUNCTIONAL BASIS. PAPER REVIEWS DESIRABILITY OF
FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL ANALYSES FOR FURTHERING AIMS OF AD 70
STUDY AND RELATED PROBLEMS IN GATHERING THE NECESSARY DATA.
IT ALSO SOLICITS NATIONAL ADVICE ON DRAFTING A COMMON FORMAT FOR
REQUESTING DATA NEEDED FOR FUNCTIONAL BREAKOUT OF DEFENSE
EXPENDITURES.

2. WE APPRECIATE WASHINGTON OFFER IN STATE 168099 TO PROVIDE
FURTHER THOUGHTS ON FORMAT QUESTIONNAIRE PROBLEM PRIOR TO NEXT
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MEETING. DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP HAS
NOT YET BEEN SET; IS EXPECTS TO HOLD NEXT MEETING IN LATE
SEPTEMBER.

3. AS AN ADDITIONAL PART OF SEARCH FOR A COMMON NATO FORMAT,
IS EXPERTS WOULD LIKE TO HOLD AN INFORMAL MEETING WITH NATIONAL
EXPERTS AND DELEGATION REPRESENTATIVES TOWARDS END OF OCTOBER.
WE WOULD WELCOME WASHINGTON PARTICIPATION AND WILL NOTIFY
WASHINGTON OF EXACT DATE OF EXPERTS MEETING, WHEN DATE IS
ESTABLISHED.

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